Personal and Emotional Development

(making relationships)

We will be getting to know each other by talking about our interests and hobbies in and out of school.

(self confidence/self awareness)

Now that we are in a brand new classroom, we will be exploring our new surroundings and learning to use the resources in the classroom independently.

(managing feelings and behaviour)

As we settle into our new class we will be talking about how we share and take turns and showing off our brilliant behaviour! We will be talking about Reception routines and expectations.



<u>Understanding the world</u>

Let's talk about our families and communities. Do we have any traditions? Let's look at what makes us special and unique.

How many different languages do we speak in Reception and where do we all live and come from?

Physical Development

(moving and handling)

We will be putting our fingers to good use this half term!
Cutting, pencil control, colouring and threading will help us to develop our fine motor skills. With our new bike track, climbing trail and den building post, we will really get those gross motor skills and big movements in gear. We can't wait!

(health and self care)

Now that we are in Reception we will be putting our coats on by ourselves (including zips!) and managing our own personal hygiene.

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exploring media and materials)

We will be learning new songs and dances and going to the hall for dance sessions.

We will be using different media such as paint, oil pastels and collage materials to create representations of ourselves and our families.

being imaginative

We will be doing lots of family based role play in our home corners.

We will work together in a group to act out different stories and we will even be making our own props!

<u>Mathematics</u>

(number)

Our number skills are fantastic! We will be extending them by singing songs and playing games to help us recognise, order and count to 10 and then 20.

We will be beginning to learn one more and one less than a number to 10.

We are going to do lots of number formation to make sure our numbers always look beautiful!

(shape space and measure)

We are going to be shape detectives and look for 2D and 3D shapes in our environment. We will also be learning new words to describe these shapes.

Who am I?

Literacy (reading)

We love reading in FS2 (Foundation Stage 2)! We will be reading lots of books about different families and talking about the characters and events in the stories.

We will begin our daily phonics session. These sessions will help us to learn our sounds, hear initial sounds and read simple words.

We will also be practising reading our tricky words and a set will be sent home to you along with a weekly reading book. Your help with this at home is much appreciated!

(writing)

We will be doing lots of talk for writing and encouraging the children to explain the marks they make.

We will be making sure that all our work has our name on it!

We will be writing simple sentences for our 'Weekend News!' and telling our friends what we like to do in our free time



Communication and Language

Listening and attention

We will be putting our good concentration skills to excellent use by listening to and asking questions about our new friends and teachers.

<u>Understanding</u>

We will be working hard to learn the different routines of the day.

Speaking

We will be talking about our families and using new vocabulary to describe them.

Enrichment

- We will be touring our new school and exploring our new outdoor area and resources! We will be inviting parents/carers to come and play alongside us too!
- We will be welcoming visitors to come and talk about their role in family life (eg. a mummy with her new baby).
 We will be asking for baby photos and a photo of your child and family.

Parent/Carers reply slip. Please send in your suggestions and comments by returning this slip to your child's class teacher.
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